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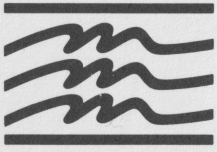

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Introduction

Riddle Magic is designed to teach students how to create their own riddles and riddle books by using a simple method developed by "America's Riddle King," Mike Thaler. With *Riddle Magic*, students can master the skill of riddle making, learn how to illustrate their riddles, and learn how to design their very own riddle books.

Ask school librarians which books are hardest to keep on the library shelf, and they will tell you riddle books. Riddle books are never on the library shelf because kids read them! It is a simple fact; kids love riddles!

Riddles represent the wonderfully free, silly, unbuttoned nonsense that lives in every child, but riddles are not just a laughing matter. They are a natural bridge between kids and language. Teaching students to create their own riddles promotes an enthusiasm for reading, writing, and language acquisition that is hard to match. Riddle making excites children about the possibilities of language. After creating their first riddle, students can experience, perhaps for the first time, the joy that can come from language.

Riddle Magic is appropriate for use in grades 3–12. Younger students will enjoy being able to create their own riddle books under the direction of their teacher. Older students will find it fun to challenge classmates with riddles they have created using methods learned in Advanced Riddle Making. Teachers will find that *Riddle Magic* is a valuable supplement to their language arts curriculum.

Program Components

The *Riddle Magic* package contains a double-sided program disk, a backup disk, and a teacher's manual. The teacher's manual explains how the program works, offers suggestions for classroom use, contains a SpeeDemo section, and includes supplementary activity sheets. The SpeeDemo section provides quick instructions for loading and demonstrating the program to a class.

Mindscape Philosophy

Mindscape's Educational Division combines a tradition of educational experience with a dedication to meeting today's demand for new approaches to education. The result is innovative computer software for schools and homes that fully utilizes the computer to make serious learning rewarding for students.

Educational Objectives

Riddle Magic is an enjoyable teaching tool that will provide students with an opportunity to

- increase vocabulary
- discover word relationships
- gain experience in the use of synonyms, rhyming words, and syllabication
- gain comprehension skills
- develop research skills
- gain experience in the use of the dictionary, thesaurus, and encyclopedia
- gain experience in coherent written expression
- develop the ability to use language with control
- achieve a positive experience with language
- develop the ability to use the imagination
- develop the ability to follow specific, goal-oriented directions
- develop skill in artistic illustration
- develop an understanding of the elements of humor
- gain experience in the development and design of a small book

Features

The special features of *Riddle Magic* include the following:

Built-in dictionary containing special search features and over 1800 words for riddle making

Three variations of the basic riddle-making method that allow for greater creativity

Easy-to-use word processor for entering students' original riddles

Riddle King Picture Starters that will encourage even reluctant artists

Compatibility with *Print Shop* ® graphics, allowing for greater variety and creativity of riddle topics

Print-out capabilities that allow students to print out riddles and riddle books

Special saving feature that allows students to challenge their friends and families with riddles they have created

"America's Riddle King"

Mike Thaler is "America's Riddle King." He was born in Los Angeles in 1936. Since then he has established his "Riddle Kingdom" by writing and illustrating over eighty funny and imaginative books for children, creating "Letterman" for television's "Electric Company," and recording his favorite jokes and riddles. He has received rave reviews for his efforts from children, parents, and educators. Mike lives in Stone Ridge, New York, his magic valley, surrounded by his family, favorite friends, and his favorite color, yellow. However, he can usually be found in classrooms all over America teaching kids how to create their own riddles and riddle books, and teaching teachers, librarians, and parents how to help them. Two years ago Mike began collaborating with educator and product developer, Janet Pullen. This partnership has produced a steady flow of creative products, all of which are dedicated to captivating children with words and their own creativity. Mike and Janet take their mission seriously, but you'd never know it. Kids just think they are having fun. In case you're wondering about the Riddle King's favorite riddle, here it is.

What is the most powerful nation in the world?

IMAGINATION!

The Riddle-Making Method

Writing riddles is easy. In fact, according to the Riddle King, writing riddles is actually much easier than guessing them and lots more fun. The following is a description of the Riddle King's five-step riddle-making method.

1. **Pick a subject.**
   It can be any subject in the world. Let's use "pigs" as an example.

2. **Find a related word.**
   Make a list of words that are synonyms or that relate closely with the subject. For "pigs," consider where they live, the noises they make, the food products they produce, etc. Use the dictionary, the encyclopedia, the thesaurus, and books on farm animals to make the list. The list should include words like "ham," "snout," "oink," "hog," "boar," etc. Now pick your favorite word on the list. Let's use "ham."

3. **Drop the first letter of the related word.**
   Take the letter "h" away from "ham" and you get "am." Look in your dictionary and find words that begin with "am." You will find words like "amateur," "America," "ambulance," "amnesia," etc. Let's choose "ambulance" for the RIDDLE WORD.

4. **Now put the dropped letter back onto the front of the related word.**
   Now you have the word, "hambulance." This word becomes your RIDDLE ANSWER.

5. **Now make up the riddle question.**
   Use relevant facts from the definition of the RIDDLE WORD to make the RIDDLE QUESTION.

QUESTION: How do you take a pig to the hospital?
ANSWER: In a hambulance!

It's as simple as that!

How do you take a pig to the hospital?

In a hambulance

Getting Ready

The Riddle Magic Dictionary

The Riddle Magic Dictionary was created especially for *Riddle Magic*. All of the entry words have been compiled for use specifically with the five subjects. The dictionary bypasses problems that would be encountered in a regular dictionary, such as spelling and pronunciation disparities. In some cases, words are filed in unconventional ways to provide greater access to riddle-construction material. For example, Isadora Duncan is filed under "I" rather than "D." A list of the words in the Riddle Magic Dictionary can be found on pages 34-45 of this manual.

Writing the Riddle Question

Writing the riddle question requires students to construct an interrogative sentence. Some students might require help with this step. An easy way to explain the riddle-question writing process is to think of it as simply combining a subject with the definition of the riddle word.

Here is an example using "igloo" as the riddle word:

RIDDLE WORD DEFINITION	+	SUBJECT	=	RIDDLE QUESTION
An eskimo house		pig		What do you call an eskimo pig's house?

RIDDLE ANSWER: A Pigloo!

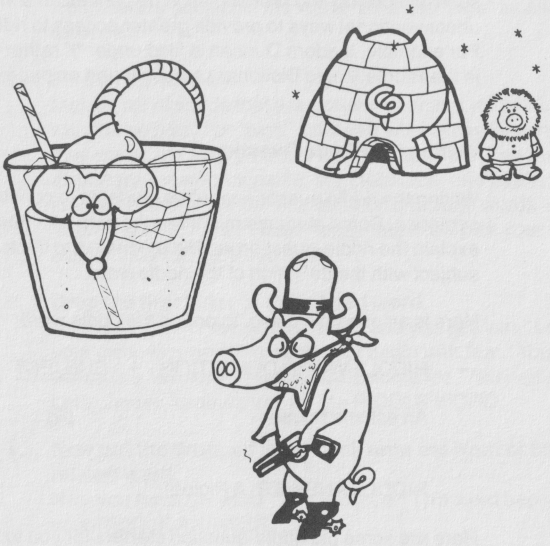
Here are some pig riddle-question starters for you to use with your students.

1. What do you call it when a pig + _____ (definition) _____ ?
2. What do you call a pig that + _____ (definition) _____ ?
3. What famous pig + _____ (definition) _____ ?
4. What is a pig's favorite + _____ (definition) _____ ?
5. How do pigs + _____ (definition) _____ ?

Illustrating Riddles

Illustrating riddles is great fun, and *Riddle Magic* can help students get started. After creating their riddles, your students will be asked to begin an illustration by selecting a Picture Starter from the Riddle King's Scrapbook. A Picture Starter is one of a collection of illustrations of the five subjects: pig, cat, frog, cow, and mouse. There are six views of each subject from which to choose. A selected Picture Starter can be saved or printed out with the riddle. After the picture is printed, it can be completed with markers, crayons, or colored pencils. Encourage your students to make the illustration as funny as their riddle. Help them to pick out the riddle's funniest aspect and exaggerate it. Speech balloons

and noise words can make the illustrations really fun. Below, the Riddle King has provided some samples of silly illustrations that were created with the *Riddle Magic* Picture Starters.



Riddle Books

When making riddle books, students can create funny book titles. These examples of some of the funny titles that the Riddle King has given to his books should give you some ideas and set your imagination soaring. *Oinker's Away* is the title for a book of pig riddles by Mike Thaler. *Grin and Bear It* is the title for a book of bear riddles; *Steer Wars* is the title for a book of cow riddles.

Riddles are fun to make up, fun to ask your friends, fun to put into books, and extraordinary to see on a library shelf. Why not start a young author's shelf in your classroom library? Or, go to the school librarian and ask him/her to create one in the school library. It is a thrill for students to see their own work in print and on a library shelf, and it is fun for other students to enjoy the riddles of fellow students. Students can put a regular pocket and card in their book and put their name in the card catalog. They can even paste a photograph of themselves in the back of their riddle book and write a short autobiography. They might even want to honor someone special in their life by dedicating the book to them. The implications of such efforts are obvious and powerful.

Using the Program

General Notes

1. While operating the program, you can always return to the prior screen by pressing ESCAPE. You can return to the Main Menu by pressing CTRL-B.

2. Use the arrow keys to search the dictionary, pictures, and word lists in the program. Press RETURN to make a selection.

3. You can save up to 100 riddles on your riddle-making data disk. We suggest that you provide all the students with their own data disks on which they can store their own riddles. To make another data disk, simply copy (with any disk copy utility) the data disk found on Side 2 of the *Riddle Magic* disk. **NOTE: Once riddles are saved to a data disk, the riddles can be erased, but the accompanying graphics cannot be erased.**

4. After completing a riddle and choosing a picture starter, the student may

   P = Print
   S = Save
   E = Erase

   If you want to print a riddle and riddle illustration, choose P(rint). If the riddle is to be saved for Riddle Player, choose S(ave). (If you want to create a riddle book, save the riddle and return to the Main Menu to create other riddle book pages.) Selecting E(rase) indicates that you do not want to save or print the riddle.

Getting Started

If you plan to print your riddles, begin the program by selecting UTILITIES from the Main Menu, and set your printer and interface. Then simply follow the directions on the screen. **NOTE: Your printer card must be in slot 1.**

When you load the *Riddle Magic* program, you will see the title screen with a message at the bottom that says, "Press SPACE BAR to see riddles. Press RETURN for Main Menu." Pressing the space bar will take you through 25 riddle questions and answers. After each riddle, you will be given the option to continue riddling or to press ESCAPE to go to the Main Menu.

These are the options on the Main Menu.

RIDDLE TUTOR
RIDDLE MAKER
RIDDLE WRITER
RIDDLE PLAYER
RIDDLE PRINTER
UTILITIES

Riddle Tutor Riddle Tutor offers a complete step-by-step introduction to riddle making using the single-letter drop method. "Pig" is provided as the riddle subject, and you may choose the related word from a predetermined list. In steps 4 and 5, after the riddle question has been created, the cursor will move to the riddle answer. At this point, you have the opportunity to add to the riddle answer. For instance, if the riddle question is, "How do pigs get to the hospital in an emergency?" and the answer is "hambulance," you may want to add to the answer so that it reads, "In a hambulance."

Riddle Maker Riddle Maker allows you to create riddles using the single-letter drop method with the additional subjects of "cat," "mouse," "cow," and "frog." Riddle Maker also presents three variations of the basic riddle-making method. Advanced Riddle Making enables you to search the Riddle Magic Dictionary in special ways. The three riddle-making variations and Advanced Riddle Making are explained below.

After selecting Riddle Maker, you will be asked to choose from the following list:

NO LETTER DROP
SINGLE LETTER DROP
DOUBLE LETTER DROP
SOUND SUBSTITUTES
ADVANCED RIDDLE MAKING

No Letter Drop This method teaches you to create riddles without dropping any letters from the related word or the subject word.

Double Letter Drop This method teaches you to create riddles by dropping the first two letters of the related word or subject word.

Sound Substitutes This method for riddle making is used when no words can be found in the dictionary that are spelled the same as the related word when the first letter has been dropped. The Sound Substitutes method shows how to use words that are spelled differently, but sound the same as the related word.

Advanced Riddle Making This method is a very powerful component of *Riddle Magic*. It allows you to search the dictionary in any way you like. You can look for letters appearing in any part of a word—beginning, middle, or end. You can even look for a word within a word. For example, by typing "—am" you will see all the words ending in "am", like "Abraham," "monogram," etc., and by typing "am—" you will see all the words beginning with "am." By typing "am" without hyphens, you will find all the words containing "am." If you do not wish to use the riddle words selected, you can change the search letters by pressing the up arrow key or CTRL-K. The Delete key may be used to erase.

Riddle Writer Riddle Writer is for the most advanced riddle makers. There is no access to subjects or related words, and the dictionary is bypassed completely. Riddle Writer simply allows you to enter a riddle question and its answer. It also allows you to choose from all the pictures on your disk, including those you have imported from other *Print Shop*® compatible programs (see "Utilities"). Holding down the arrow key will let you move quickly through the pictures.

Riddle Player The Riddle Player feature in the program is composed of all the riddles that have been created and saved on the disk. Riddle Player randomly selects a saved riddle from the data disk and displays the question and picture on the screen. When a riddle appears, students can guess the answer. Pressing the space bar will cause the answer to appear. Pressing RETURN will bring another riddle to the screen. Play continues until you press ESCAPE and return the program to the Main Menu.

Riddle Printer Riddle Printer can be used to make a book of riddles (with a cover page). When Riddle Printer is selected, you will be asked to provide a title and the author's name. "T" stands for title and "N" stands for name. Press RETURN twice if you want to skip this part. Make sure that the printer is on. Adjust the printer paper by pressing the automatic form-feed button so that the printer begins printing at the top of the page. **NOTE**: THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PRINTED FROM WITHIN THE OTHER RIDDLE-WRITING OPTIONS. IF THE PRINTER IS ADJUSTED MANUALLY, THE PAPER MAY NOT GET PROPERLY ALIGNED. When you are ready to print, press "Y" when the program asks if the printer is ready. If you press "N," your title page will not be saved and you will return to the Main Menu. If you select "Y," your cover page will print out. Now the riddles of your choice may be printed to make up the pages of the riddle book. Two riddles, with a perforated line in the middle, will be printed to each printer page. After the riddle pages have been removed from the printer, the pages can be cut with scissors. The lines have been set up to allow you to make your books in two different sizes. You can leave the pages and cover page exactly as they are without cutting them. This will give you a book that is 8.5″ wide and 11″ long, and it will have two riddles per page. Another way to design the book is to cut each riddle page along the middle line and cut the title page on both dotted lines. Then each page will have one riddle and be 8.5″ wide and 5.5″ long.

Utilities When the Utilities option has been selected, the following menu will appear:

COPY A PICTURE
REMOVE RIDDLES
SELECT PRINTER INTERFACE

Copy A Picture This program option offers you the opportunity to copy any *Print Shop*® compatible graphic to your data disk. Following the directions on the screen, simply insert the disk with the original graphic in drive 1 and press RETURN. Use the arrow keys to search the catalog and make your selection by pressing the Return key. After a short delay, you will be instructed to insert your own data disk into the disk drive. After the copying has been completed, the menu will appear. These pictures can be used with the Riddle Writer part of the program.

Remove Riddles Each riddle you create may be stored on your disk (up to 100 riddles may be stored). If you wish to delete a riddle, use the arrow keys to choose the riddle, or riddles, to be deleted. When you press the Return key, a check mark will appear next to the number of the riddle, indicating that you wish to delete that riddle. If you press the Return key again, the check mark will disappear and the riddle will not be deleted. You may delete as many riddles as you like by using the arrow keys to select the riddles to be deleted.

Once you have selected the riddle(s) to be deleted, press the ESC key. The program will give you "one last chance," and the screen message will read, "Remove the riddle from the disk (y/n)?" If you answer "Y(es)," the riddles are removed from the files. If you answer "N(o)," the riddles will not be removed and will remain on record.

If there are no riddles stored on the disk, the following message will appear: "No riddles are stored on this disk. Press RETURN to continue."

Select Printer/Interface You must tell the program which printer and interface you have before you can print your riddles. First, choose Select Printer/Interface from the Utilities menu. The top of the screen will show the last printer and interface selected. If these are correct, simply press ESC to return to the menu.

To change the printer or interface, choose that option from the screen and press RETURN. Then use the arrow keys to find the printer or interface you wish to use. Press RETURN to select the correct printer or interface. When you press ESC to quit, your selection will be saved automatically to both your program and data disks.

NOTE: MOST PRINTERS REQUIRE A LINEFEED AFTER PRINTING A LINE. IF YOUR PRINTOUT LOOKS STRANGE, TRY CHANGING THE LINEFEED OPTION BY SELECTING "LINEFEED" AND THEN PRESSING RETURN. Again, this change will be saved to your program disk and data disk when you press ESCAPE to quit.

Support Materials

This section is designed to give you the information you need to make maximum use of *Riddle Magic* in the classroom. Here you will find

- Additional subjects with related word lists
- Activity sheets for students to use while they are building subject and related word lists
- Suggestions on ways to use the Riddle Magic Dictionary to create other kinds of riddles
- Ideas on how to make the best use of riddles with your students

Additional Riddle-Making Strategies

There are even more ways to make riddles than the ways included in the program. Once you have mastered the basic four-step method, try these other ways to have fun making riddles.

Syllable Substitutes Look for words in the dictionary that have a syllable that sounds almost the same as a syllable in your subject or related word. Just exchange the syllables, and you have a terrific riddle. You can get really creative with this type of riddle. Here are some examples:

FIRST SYLLABLE SUBSTITUTION

What do you call it when a group of pigs take a basket of food into the country?	A pignic

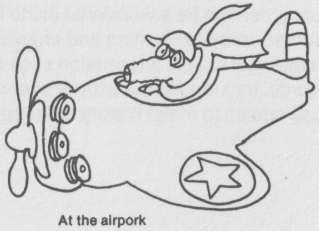
MIDDLE SOUND SUBSTITUTION

What do you call a book about a pig's life?	Bihography

END SOUND SUBSTITUTION

Where do pigs land their planes?	At airporks
What does a little pig get four times a year from school?	A repork card
What great pig stands in New York harbor?	Statue of Liboarty

Where do pigs land their planes?



At the airpork

Rhyming Words Rhyming words have their own kind of magic. You can make up very silly riddles by finding words in the dictionary that have syllables that rhyme with your related word or subject word. This process works especially well with compound words or words that naturally go together. A rhyming dictionary is fun to introduce with this type of riddle making. Here are some examples:

What famous pig discovered relativity?	Albert Einswine
What is a pig's favorite cookie?	Pig Newton
What groups do little pigs join?	The cub snouts, boy snouts, and girl snouts
What do pigs watch at night?	Smellavision

What groups do little pigs join?

The cub snouts, the boy snouts and the girl snouts

Extended Subject Areas

In Riddle Tutor, you can use "pig" as the subject for your riddles. In Riddle Maker, you can use "pig," "frog," "mouse," "cat," or "cow." But riddles can be made about anything in the world. The following reproducible activity sheets give additional subjects, with related word lists, for you to use with your students. A Riddle-Making Activity Sheet is also included for creating your own subject and related word lists. To get you started, the first activity sheet is already filled in. When making your own related word lists, use an encyclopedia, thesaurus, and books about the subject you have chosen. You can also use the Riddle Magic Dictionary to find related words for your subject by selecting Advanced Riddle Making from the Riddle Maker menu and then indicating the search letters.

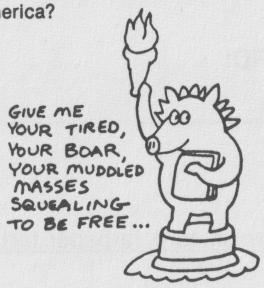
Laughter can be a wonderful aid to learning. Riddles can actually make any subject more interesting and enjoyable. Riddles can also help students remember critical information such as names, dates, and the meanings of words. Included in the activity sheets that follow are some ideas on how to use riddles to make history, science, and geography fun.

Making the Best Use of Riddles

Laughter can do more than brighten the day; it can brighten the mind. Here are some final considerations for making school more fun with riddles.

- How about starting out the day with a student reading a riddle over the loudspeaker system?
- How about a school riddle contest?
- How about a school-newspaper riddle feature?
- How about that young author's shelf in the school library?

What famous lady is the symbol of Hamerica?



The Statue of Liboarty

Sample Activity Sheet 1

SUBJECT: Space

RELATED WORDS: star, asteroid, nova, galaxy, planet, sky, moon, gravity, shuttle, rocket, astronomy, orbit, lunar, meteor, meteorites, astronauts, Skylab, Sun, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, Pluto, Saturn, Earth, Uranus, Neptune, Mercury, atmosphere, comet, telescope, nebulae, satellites, spaceships, observatory, Galileo, Isaac Newton, eclipse, astronomer, Halley, pulsar, Milky Way, black hole, quasar, Pleiades, launch, solar system, Johannes Kepler, zodiac, constellations, Copernicus, light-year, Herschel

RELATED WORD CHOICE:

Star

DICTIONARY SEARCH WORD:

Tar

DICTIONARY WORDS:

Tar, tarantula, tardy, target, tarnish, tarp, tarpaper, tart, tartan, tartar sauce, Tarzan

RIDDLE WORD:

Tartar sauce

RIDDLE WORD DEFINITION:

A sauce made of chopped pickles, mayonnaise, olives, and capers, which is used to garnish foods, especially fish

RIDDLE ANSWER:

Startar sauce

RIDDLE QUESTION:

What sauce do astronauts put on their fish sandwiches?

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Activity Sheet 1

SUBJECT: Space

RELATED WORDS: star, asteroid, nova, galaxy, planet, sky, moon, gravity, shuttle, rocket, astronomy, orbit, lunar, meteor, meteorites, astronauts, Skylab, Sun, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, Pluto, Saturn, Earth, Uranus, Neptune, Mercury, atmosphere, comet, telescope, nebulae, satellites, spaceships, observatory, Galileo, Isaac Newton, eclipse, astronomer, Halley, pulsar, Milky Way, black hole, quasar, Pleiades, launch, solar system, Johannes Kepler, zodiac, constellations, Copernicus, light-year, Herschel

RELATED WORD CHOICE:

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DICTIONARY SEARCH WORD:

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RIDDLE WORD:

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RIDDLE WORD DEFINITION:

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RIDDLE ANSWER:

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RIDDLE QUESTION:

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Activity Sheet 2

SUBJECT: Car

RELATED WORDS: auto, automobile, hood, bumper, fender, transmission, ignition, oil, muffler, motor, engine, gasoline, tires, carburator, cam, steering wheel, exhaust, spark plugs, piston, valves, crankshaft, cylinder, Chrysler, Toyota, Ford, Honda, Saab, Volkswagon, Plymouth, Datsun, Nissan, Pontiac, BMW, Mercedes Benz, Buick, Chevrolet, Chevy, Lincoln, Mercury, Corvette, Jaguar

RELATED WORD CHOICE:

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RIDDLE ANSWER:

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RIDDLE QUESTION:

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Activity Sheet 3

SUBJECT: Flowers

RELATED WORDS: stem, petal, leaf, daisy, rose, carnation, poppy, lily, garden, florist, bud, blossom, seed, plant, gardenia, orchid, wild flower, honeysuckle, tulip, crocus, daffodil, leaves, pollen, chlorophyll, pistil, stamen, petunia, morning glory, peony, dandelions, violets, lilac, geraniums, water lily, hyacinth, annual, bulb, nectar, perennial, pollination, cornflower, dahlia, iris, magnolia, pansy, sunflower

RELATED WORD CHOICE:

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RIDDLE ANSWER:

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RIDDLE QUESTION:

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Activity Sheet 4

SUBJECT: Monster

RELATED WORDS: ghoul, vampire, skeleton, bones, blood, scream, mummy, zombie, ghost, spirit, Halloween, haunt, scars, boo, ogre, corpse, bats, cyclops, fang, werewolf, demon, Frankenstein, bones, beast, Godzilla, witch, spell, coffin, scare, fiend, cemetery, graveyard, King Kong, Dracula, goblin, macabre, cauldron, creature

RELATED WORD CHOICE:

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RIDDLE QUESTION:

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Activity Sheet 5

SUBJECT: Baseball

RELATED WORDS: base, mitt, glove, bat, pitcher, catcher, plate, mound, umpire, outfield, infield, steal, bunt, foul, walk, run, ball, slide, strike, strikeout, spikes, field, hit, homer, inning, centerfield, shortstop, coach, diamond, series, World Series, White Sox, Red Sox, Cubs, Phillies, Angels, Braves, Yankees, Mets, Tigers, Pirates, Reds

RELATED WORD CHOICE:

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Activity Sheet 6

SUBJECT: Shoe

RELATED WORDS: heel, sole, pump, sneaker, loafer, sandal, lace, Keds, boot, oxford, wing tips, bucks, shoemaker, cobbler, footwear, high heels, moccasins, high tops, shoehorn, shoestring, shoelace, toe shoes, shoetree, slippers, galoshes

RELATED WORD CHOICE:

_____

DICTIONARY SEARCH WORD:

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DICTIONARY WORDS:

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RIDDLE WORD:

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RIDDLE WORD DEFINITION:

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RIDDLE ANSWER:

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RIDDLE QUESTION:

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Activity Sheet 7

SUBJECT: Dinosaurs

RELATED WORDS: lizard, reptile, prehistoric, Stegosaurus, fossils, Diplodocus, Brontosaurus, Tyrannosaurus, Pteranodon, Triceratops, Saber-toothed tiger, Ice Age, extinct, Triassic, Jurassic, Cretaceous, Mesozoic, Iguanodon, carnivores, paleontology, Brachiosaurus, Ankylosaurus, Allosaurus, Sauropods, Mastodon

RELATED WORD CHOICE:

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DICTIONARY SEARCH WORD:

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DICTIONARY WORDS:

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RIDDLE WORD:

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RIDDLE WORD DEFINITION:

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RIDDLE ANSWER:

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RIDDLE QUESTION:

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Activity Sheet 8

SUBJECT: Fruit

RELATED WORDS: apple, pear, banana, orange, peach, plum, grape, pomegranate, strawberry, blueberry, blackberry, elderberry, cherry, lime, lemon, watermelon, cantaloupe, honeydew, melon, fruitcake, pineapple, grapefruit, seed, peel, pit, prune, kiwi, orchard, fruity, fructose, nut, tomato

RELATED WORD CHOICE:

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DICTIONARY SEARCH WORD:

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DICTIONARY WORDS:

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RIDDLE WORD:

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RIDDLE WORD DEFINITION:

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RIDDLE ANSWER:

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RIDDLE QUESTION:

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Riddle-Making Sheet

SUBJECT:

RELATED WORDS:

RELATED WORD CHOICE:

DICTIONARY SEARCH WORD:

DICTIONARY WORDS:

RIDDLE WORD:

RIDDLE WORD DEFINITION:

RIDDLE ANSWER:

RIDDLE QUESTION:

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How to make a riddle when there are no related words

There may be an instance when you want to make a riddle out of a subject for which you can find no related words. The following is an example of what to do if you can think of no related words for the subject "CHAIR."

SUBJECT: CHAIR

RELATED WORDS: NONE

RELATED WORD CHOICE:

chair

DICTIONARY SEARCH WORD:

chair, char, cher

DICTIONARY WORDS:

chair, chairman, chairwoman, chair lift, charcoal, chariot, charioteer, charity, charitable, charlatan, Charlemagne, charley horse, cherish, Cherokee, cherry bomb, cherub

RIDDLE WORD:

charity

RIDDLE WORD DEFINITION:

A nonprofit fund or organization

RIDDLE ANSWER:

A chairity

RIDDLE QUESTION:

What do you call a nonprofit organization to which people donate chairs?

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Geometry Activity Sheet

Draw a line to connect the riddle with the correct answer.

What do you call an eight-sided pig?	A Trapezoid
What do you call cats that intersect at or form a right angle?	Miceosceles Triangle
What do you call a triangle made up of mice, two of which are the same size?	Fright Angles
What do you call a four-sided, geometric figure made up of pigs in which each pair of opposite pigs is parallel?	A Hocktagon
What quadrilateral has one pair of parallel sides and can catch mice?	Paralleloham
What kind of geometric feline has all equal sizes?	Purrpendicular
What do ghosts call 90-degree angles?	Equilcateral

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Social Studies Activity Sheet

The Hamerican Revolution

Fill in the blanks using the word list at the top of the page.

Betsuey Ross	Liboarty Bell	Alexander Hamilton
Boarston Tea Party	John Hamhock	Hamuel Adams
Hamerican Revolution		

1. What great Hamerican pig was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence?

   _____

2. What pig war for independence was fought between England and the American Colonies?

   _____

3. What American revolutionary pig was the first secretary of the treasury?

   _____

4. What is the name of the protest that the pig colonists staged in Boston harbor to object to unfair taxation?

   _____

5. What American sow is credited with sewing the first American flag?

   _____

6. What national treasure represents liberty to all pigs?

   _____

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Geography Activity Sheet

Fill in the blanks using the words at the top of the page.

Antarctica	The Polar Micecap	The Hamalayas
Pigmies	The Hamazon	Sowth Hamerica

1. What mountain range is the highest in the world and a favorite spot for pig climbers?

   _____

2. What do mice think covers most of the Arctic Ocean?

   _____

3. What four-and-a-half-foot pigs live in the tropical rain forests of Africa?

   _____

4. What do pigs call the continent that lies directly below the continent of North America?

   _____

5. On what continent is there the greatest population of ants?

   _____

6. What river in Sowth Hamerica is the second largest in the world and a favorite swimming spot for pigs?

   _____

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Science Activity Sheet

Riddle Weather

What do you call it when many toads that have been formed from frozen water vapor fall to the earth?	Bearenheit
Which temperature scale do pig thermometers use?	Miceicles
What do you call it when pigs change from liquid to gas?	A Toadstorm
With what did the ancient Egyptians measure their temperatures?	Bearometer
What do you call rodent-shaped clouds that are low and spread out in thin layers?	A Purricane
What do you call it when cats blow around at over 75 miles per hour?	Thermummyters
What do you call frozen mice hanging off the sides of buildings in the winter?	Smellcius
Which temperature scale do bear thermometers use?	Steerus
How do bears measure air pressure?	Evapboaration
What do you call cow-shaped clouds that are very high and wispy-looking?	Stratus

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Answers to Geometry Activity Sheet

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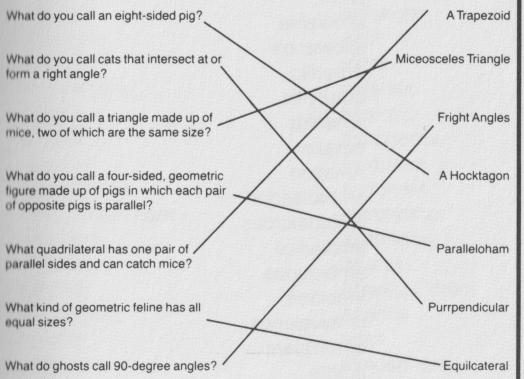
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   Sowth Hamerica

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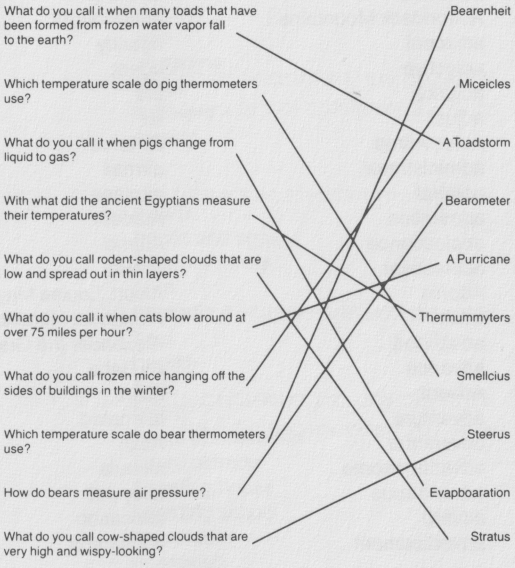
   The Hamazon

Answers to Science Activity Sheet

Riddle Weather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Riddle Magic Dictionary

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A-bomb
Abraham Lincoln
Abyssinian cat
ace
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acorn
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adage
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Adam
adamant
Adam's Apple
Adams, Jane
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afternoon
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Alamo
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Alexander Hamilton
Alexander the Great
Ali Baba
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lie down
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Lilliputian
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milk tooth
milkweed
Milky Way
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Mohawk

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Riddle Magic

Overview

Riddle Magic is designed to teach students how to create their own riddles and riddle books by using a simple method developed by "America's Riddle King," Mike Thaler. With *Riddle Magic*, students can master the skill of riddle making, learn how to illustrate their riddles, and learn how to design their very own riddle books.

Riddles represent the wonderfully free, silly, unbuttoned nonsense that lives in every child, but riddles are not just a laughing matter. They are a natural bridge between kids and language. Teaching students to create their own riddles promotes an enthusiasm for reading, writing, and language acquisition that is hard to match. Riddle making excites children about the possibilities of language. After creating their first riddle, students can experience, perhaps for the first time, the joy that can come from language.

To Begin

1. You will need the following:
   - Computer
   - Disk drive
   - Monitor or TV
2. Set up the equipment.
3. Load the program according to the instructions in this teacher's manual or on the reference card, if one is included in the package.

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To Demonstrate

1. When you have loaded the program into the computer, the title screen will appear. Press RETURN to go on to the Main Menu.

2. The *Riddle Magic* menu now appears on the screen.

   RIDDLE TUTOR
   RIDDLE MAKER
   RIDDLE WRITER
   RIDDLE PLAYER
   RIDDLE PRINTER
   UTILITIES

   Press the Return key to select Riddle Tutor. The program will then direct you to insert the data disk. Insert the data disk into the disk drive. Then press RETURN.

3. The introductory screens will appear. You should read these screens to the students and press RETURN after each has been read.

4. The program will now take you through each step in the riddle-making process. Read the screen for Step 1 and press RETURN.

5. Read the screen for Step 2. Use the arrow keys to find a related word that you wish to use in your riddle. Press return to select the word "pen."

6. The screen for Step 3 will display the subject and the related word you have chosen, and will explain the third step. After reading the screen, use the arrow keys to find the riddle word you want. As each word appears, its definition will appear below. Press RETURN to select the riddle word "engagement."

7. Next, the program will display and explain Steps 4 and 5. Using the definition of the riddle word, type in the question part of the riddle, "What do you call a pledge to marry between two pigs?" and press RETURN. The answer, "pengagement," will already be shown, but you may use the keys to modify it in any way you wish. Press RETURN when your riddle is completed.

8. The picture-starter will now generate six pictures to use with the riddle. Use the arrow keys to view the different pictures, and press RETURN to select the one you want.

9. The completed riddle and selected picture will now appear. You are also given three options to choose from:

   P=Print S=Save E=Erase

   Press "S" to save the riddle to the data disk.

10. After the riddle is saved, press RETURN to go back to the Main Menu.

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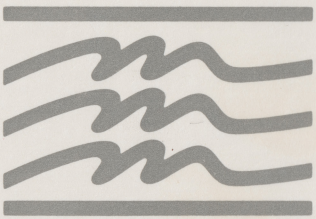

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